

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for coating sheet metal strip substrate with lubricant type laminate includes top and bottom roller coaters for pinching the metal therebetween to apply laminate. The roller coaters are movable between engaged and disengaged positions. Pneumatic cylinders for actuating the top and bottom roller coaters are operatively connected such that the top and bottom roller coaters can "float" or move vertically while at the same time pinching the metal strip therebetween. The roller coaters comprise roller coater carriages that carry applicator rolls between support rolls without the need to journal ends of the applicator roll. A spring biased applicator head applies laminate directly to one or more sections of the applicator roll.